GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RISE IN CHICKEN POX CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of chicken pox have recently registered sudden rise in various parts of the country particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): As per the information furnished by Municipal Corporation of Delhi, no rise in cases of chicken pox has been reported in Delhi, during the year 2007.

Chicken pox is a disease,which shows seasonal variation in its occurrence.The disease spreads from person to person through air and occurs as self-limiting disease.There is no specific treatment for the disease apart from managing symptoms such as fever.Facilities for treatment of chicken pox are available in tertiary care hospitals of the country.